

BASEBALL LEAGUES IN ANNUAL SESSION

Matters of Importance to Be Discussed by the Magnates This Week.

DEALS FOR PLAYERS

National League Managers Expect to Make Trades to Strengthen Teams.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., December 8.—While routine business and matters of legislation in the handling of the league's affairs will be the principal matters for discussion at the annual meeting of the National League, which will be held in New York this week, the interest of the baseball public will, no doubt, center upon the numerous trades, purchases and sales of players which are expected to be transacted during the week.

The board of directors of the league will hold their meeting at noon on Tuesday, and the annual meeting of the league will take place in the afternoon. Every club will be represented and it is more than likely that for the first time in three years a unanimous vote will be secured by the president of the league, Harry C. Pulliam, who will be elected to his fifth term as president, and John McGraw will be elected to the second term as secretary and treasurer. It is not likely that there will be any changes in the board of directors.

While the magnates are talking over proposed changes in the playing rules and other matters the various clubs will be busy in the corridors and parlors, with the hope of making trades and deals in place to strengthen their teams for the coming season. There is hardly a team in the league which has not a surplus of players, weak in some spots, and anxious to secure certain players which they figure will be an improvement over what they have at present, and somewhat of a record-breaker in the exchanging of players.

The Philadelphia club will probably figure more than one deal, as Manager Murray is on the lookout for several men to build up his team, which he expects to be the pennant of 1908. Murray is open for the arrangement of a deal that will bring Tenney, of Boston, to Philadelphia. With the first first Murray thinks he would have an infield second to none in either league and he is anxious to land the shifty left-hander. Several of the New York Giants are slated to go, such well known players as Bresnahan, McGinn, Dwyer and John McGraw, who is slated among those who will be sold or traded. Manager McGraw realizes that he must improve the showing made last season and is looking for a deal that he will get rid of much of the old wood and build up a team of youngsters which will be in the race for the flag.

The magnates will have plenty of work on their hands. President Pulliam correctly, he will make a couple of good suggestions to the magnates. He will lead the way in the discussion of the new rule, which is embodied in a section of the playing rules, which are subject to change or revision only by the joint rules committee.

The pitcher has enough advantage over the batsman as it is, and some of the leading advocates of free hitting have gone as far as to claim that the curve ball as well as the spitball should be abolished. The National League will form the basis of a considerable debate at the New York meeting, but the elimination of the curve is too radical a change to be seriously pressed.

Complaints have been frequent, too, during the last two or three years, both by fans and other clubs, as to the cutting down of the second game of a double-header to seven, and frequently to five and six innings. President Pulliam states that there is no possible excuse for curtailing the number of innings to be played, and asserts that he would not allow a double-header to be played with less than nine innings. But the greatest objection to the curtailing process is the fact that games are often lost by a team which might be defeated by the club credited with winning them. In nine innings were completed. For instance, there was a game between the Boston Red Sox and the Philadelphia Athletics, which was decided by a 1 to 0 score last year, and three others by 2 to 0 scores. The losing team could easily have won any of those games in nine innings.

In a race which is one-sided the outcome of six or eight games in a season cannot cut much figure, to be sure. If these games are distributed equally among the clubs, but there is every indication that the National League races will not always be as evenly balanced as they have been in the last half dozen years, and it is best to legislate out of the game in advance instead of from behind whenever possible.

President Pulliam considers it an injustice to a team who bring him a runner from third base on a long fly to the outfield to charge the batter with a time at bat. This play often times games that are lost. Pulliam says he will advocate a change in the rule whereby a batter sending out such a fly or a grounder so difficult to handle that the play cannot be made at the plate, shall be "removed from a time at bat," he says. "Who always are sure to hit the ball when men are on bases and frequently win games by so doing; yet they get no credit for what they have accomplished." Pulliam thinks the foul strike rule will stand, but he would limit seeing it modified so that it drives a foot or so on the wrong side of the chalk mark would not be penalized.

The rule providing that no National League club be permitted to carry more than three players which, it is said, President Dwyer of the Boston club, will endeavor to have passed, is one that would greatly benefit each major league club and it is likely that it will be the means, if passed, of reducing the expenses of major league clubs and of restricting the now prevalent wholesale trading and purchasing of minor league players, which custom is being carried to extremes and is harmful in effect to clubs and players alike.

TO PLAY IN A BILLIARD TOURNAMENT



These four billiard experts, with others, will take part in a national billiard tournament to be held in New York early in January. Sutton and Slosson will play a match in Richmond this week.

AUTO RACING TO BE SHORN OF DANGER

Fatalities to Contestants and Spectators Will Be Avoided if Possible.

SAFEGUARDS IN PLENTY

CHICAGO, ILL., December 8.—Auto-racing, which last year resulted in a large number of fatalities and serious accidents to spectators and participants, is to be shorn of a great part of its terrors by revised rules and restrictions of the American Automobile Association.

The rules were drawn up at a meeting of the sanctions committee and later reported to the executive committee of the national organization. It is not expected that the new rules will be adopted until the first of January.

Prior to the granting of a sanction, an investigation of the tracks must be made, and a complete set of rules and photographs of all turns and fences on it must be submitted to the national body.

There must also be drawings of the buildings and stands for spectators, with their descriptions. It further is required that a letter from the track owner decide in what places spectators shall be permitted.

There are many other stipulations regarding the judges, guards and other details of the tracks, but the committee gave most of its attention to that study of safeguards against accidents.

LAWN TENNIS ITEMS

English Players Will to Act Favorably on Posthumous Rule.

England's lawn tennis players have failed to consider favorably the new football rule. This news was imparted to the press in London that reached this city yesterday. The rule, which was framed by Sir Alfred E. Hickson, making it compulsory for the server to stand on the ground and behind the service line. The decision of the English Lawn Tennis Association was to hold the meeting in this country, so that the Americans' view of the rule could be ascertained. The idea of the English experts is that the rule will work a hardship to the American players, the majority of whom swing into motion and let the net as they deliver the service.

Lawn tennis players of Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington have formed a new association. The organization is to be known as the Middle-Atlantic Lawn Tennis Association, and now numbers as members the important clubs of the three cities mentioned.

BARTENDER KEEPS HIS DOG

For Rockefeller's Alimony Was Mistaken In Supposing It Was His.

MONTCLAIR, N. J., December 8.—Several days ago T. Gates, the former Baptist clergyman, who is now John D. Rockefeller's alimony, swore out a warrant for the arrest of Thomas Dwyer, a bartender, for holding on to a dog which Mr. Gates said was his own. When Mr. Gates saw that the bartender was preparing to fight the criminal charge, he withdrew the charge and began civil proceedings to recover the dog, which is valued at \$100.

Yesterday the dog was registered with the town clerk's office. The Rockefeller charity agent was mistaken. Unknown to Mr. Gates the dog was killed by an automobile in the Orange county house, which was owned by Mr. Gates. The dog was killed by a car driven by a woman, who was driving to the house of Mr. Gates. The dog was killed by a car driven by a woman, who was driving to the house of Mr. Gates.

Mr. Marshall to keep an engagement rode a horse in the road shortly afterward, and the presumption is the horse bolted, killing him instantly.

Mr. Marshall was an excellent horseman and had lived in the country for many years. He married a daughter of Colonel Welby Carter, of Croftland.

Mr. Marshall was well known in Richmond, having hunted often with the Deep Run hounds.

December 9th in the Annals of Sport

1871—Joseph J. Kelley, ball player, born at Cambridge, Mass. Played with Boston, Omaha, Pittsburgh, Baltimore and other big league clubs.

1875—At New Orleans—William Burleigh defeated Frank Macgill, three ball batters, championship of Northwestern and Southwestern States, and \$1,000, 500 to 305.

1886—The Cleveland Club officially admitted to take the Pittsburgh Club's place in the American Association of Baseball Clubs.

1887—At London—John L. Sullivan and Jack Ashton sparred before the Prince of Wales.

1890—At San Francisco—Evan Lewis (3 falls) defeated Joe Acton (1) in wrestling match, \$1,000, catch-as-catch-can.

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SIX-DAY BICYCLE RACE COMMENCES

Sixteen Teams from All Parts of the World Will Take Part.

MANY CHAMPIONS ON HAND

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN, NEW YORK, Monday, December 9.—Sporting interest centred last night on the opening of the annual six-day bicycle contest at Madison Square Garden. Sixteen teams of bicycle pairs, including many champions, gathered for the struggle, which will continue without cessation until 11 o'clock next Saturday night.

No rider will be permitted on the track more than twelve hours each day. The sixteen contestants are: French team—Leon Georget, Victor Dupre.

Irish-English—John Reynolds, Ireland; James Benyon, England. English—John Rogers, Brooklyn; James Moran, Boston.

Atlantic-Pacific—Charles A. Sherwood, New York; Carl A. Limberg, San Jose.

French—Louis Darragon, Petit Breton.

Latvian—W. E. Samuelson, Salt Lake; W. E. Mitten, Davenport.

German-Holland—Walter Rutt, John Stiel.

Chicago-New York—Iver Lawson, Chicago; Urban McDonald, New York.

French-Italian—Edmond Jacquelin, France; Carlo Vanoni, Italy.

Yankee-Dixie—Johnny McLaughlin, Atlanta, Ga.; Matt E. Downey, Boston.

Long Island—John Bedell, Menus Bedell.

Irish-American—Patrick Logan, Ireland; Walter A. Bardgett, Buffalo.

The Mormons—S. H. Wilcox, Floyd Williams, Salt Lake.

German-American—Belgium—Saxon Krebs, Arthur Vanderstuyt.

Western—Hardy Downing, San Jose; Nat. Butler, Cambridge, Mass.

Farmer and Messenger Boy—Frank Galvin, New Milford, Conn.; George Wiley, Syracuse.

The start was on the stroke of 10 o'clock this morning, and the representatives of sixteen teams were off on the long grind. The riders set a fast pace, but James J. Corbett, the starting gun. At the end of ten laps, marking the first mile, Downey was leading. There was very little crowding at the several entrances to the big amphitheatre when the doors were thrown open a few moments after the starting gun.

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Heard and Seen in Public Places

Lieutenant Governor Luther Manly, of Mississippi, who will take the oath of office on January 6th, is spending several days at the "Murray" Hotel, having come here from North Carolina,